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___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.

☒ No additional fee is required.

☒ A Claim of Priority together with a Certified copy of Japanese application Nos. 2002-354073 and 2003-393620.

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